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Communist Mortar, Recoilless Rifle, Rocket and Artillery Ammunition Expenditures, 27 June - 31 July 1972

According to MACV's weekly enemy munitions reports, the Communists fired rocket, mortar, recoilless rifle, and artillery at an average rate of 969 rounds and 26.5 tons per day during the period 27 June to 31 July 1972.* The 969 rounds per day include 273 rounds of artillery, 551 rounds of mortar, 60 rockets, and 85 recoilless rifle rounds. The 26.5 tons daily average for July is slightly above the 23.2 tons daily average for June (30 May - 26 June) and the 20.8 tons daily average for May (2-22). The average daily expenditure rate for the entire period is 23.7 tons.

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* The figures are compiled from MACV's weekly reports for the periods 27 June - 10 July and 18-31 July. The expenditures report for the week 11-17 July has not been received.

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Communist Heavy Weapons Ammunition Expenditures
(Daily average for 27 June - 31 July)

	mortar		recoilless rifle		rocket		artillery	
	rds	tons	rds	tons	rds	tons	rds	tons
MR 1	422	2.7	75	1.1	35	2.2	244	17.4
MR 2	42	0.2	3	negl.	8	0.4	8	0.4
MR 3	45	0.2	4	negl.	15	0.7	21	0.9
MR 4	42	0.2	3	negl.	2	0.1	0	0
Total	551	3.3	85	1.1	60	3.4	273	18.7

Average number of rounds expended daily = 969 rounds
Average daily ammunition tonnage expended = 26.5 tons

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